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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Ire E. Elliott

TOWN CLERK

Floyd J. Hutchins

SELECTMEN

Chas. H. Tyler, Stephen H. Dexter, Ira E. Elliott

HIGHWAY AGENTS

Napoleon Boutin

Ernest T. Page

TREASURER

TAX COLLECTOR

Margaret E. Elliott (R)

L. W. Noxon

Catherine C. Eastman (A)

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Charles C. Tyler (R)

John G. Elliott

Alfred V. Mardin (R)

Edgar Morse (A)

Roland G. McKean (A)

Napoleon Burke (elect)

Carl Eastman (elect)

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Floyd J. Hutchins

George N. Belyea

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Laura M Noxon, Catherine Eastman, Mildred A Elliott

FENCE VIEWERS

Arthur Boutin

Clair Wheeler

CONSTABLE

Roland G. McKean (A)

Lester Gilchrist (R)

SCHOOL BOARD

Ira E. Elliott, Catherine Eastman, Alexzina Boutin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

John G. Elliott, Napoleon Burke, Floyd J. Hutchins

SEXTONS:

John G. Elliott, John Coates

AUDITOR:

Ethel Boutin

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, the ninth, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects—

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, one Selectman for two years, one or more Highway Agents not to exceed three, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries, and expenses, and for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges; for the observance of Memorial Day, and for all other Town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take in regard to keeping Town Highways open for motor vehicle traffic for the winter season, including snow removal and sanding and make the necessary appropriation of the same.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 7. To see what action the Town will take to raise a reasonable sum of money for the repair of the Benton Union Church. Sum to be fixed at said meeting.

Article 8. To see what action the Town will take in regards to securing State Aid for highways and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose.

Article 9. To transact any other business that may be legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 3rd day of February, A. D., 1937.

C. H. TYLER,
S. H. DEXTER,
IRA E. ELLIOTT,

Selectmen of Benton

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

C. H. Tyler,
Stephen H. Dexter,
Ira E. Elliott,
Selectmen of Benton.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
ensuing year, February 1, 1937, to February 1, 1938,
compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous
year, February 1, 1936, to February 1, 1937.

Sources of Revenue	actual	est'm'd
FROM STATE:	1936	1937
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 12.09	\$ 12.00
Railroad Tax	22.81	22.80
Savingc Bank Tax	22.92	23.00
Bounties	85.80	90.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
Interest Received on Taxes	\$ 71.06	\$ 71.00
Auto Permits	240.43	241.00
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:		
Poll Taxes	\$102.00	\$102.00
Dog Fees	67.50	60.00
Income, Trust Funds	121.49	120.00
Refund, over-payment	2.78	
National Forest Reserve	326.51	300.00
State Tax	541.85	500.00
Frome Reinbursement Town Poor	42.55	50.00
From County Poor	114.43	
Tax Sale Redeemed	500.00	50.00

\$1,641.80

TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES
EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES

\$1899.77

Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes: \$3,083.20

TOTAL REVENUES \$4,725.00

Purposes of Expenditures**Current Maintenance Expenses:**

	actual 1936	est'm'd 1937
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$244.50	\$300.00
Town Officers' Expenses	237.82	200.00
Election & Registration Expenses	112.00	50.00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	35.00	35.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:		
Police Department	\$ 9.50	\$10.00
Bounties	85.80	90.00
HEALTH:		
Health Department	\$5.00	\$5.00
Vital Statistics	2.75	3.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
Town Maintenance	\$660.05	\$700.00
Snow Removal	440.55	700.00
LIBRARIES:		
Libraries	\$12.00	\$12.00
TOWN POOR:		
Town Poor	\$154.10	\$300.00
County Poor	60.00	
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:		
Memorial Day	\$16.91	\$20.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Cemeteries	\$75.89	\$50.00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
State Aid Construction		
Town's Share	\$267.89	

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

	actual	est'm'd
	1936	1937
State Taxes	\$432.00	\$450.00
County Taxes	585.29	600.00
Payments to School Districts	1550.00	1200.00
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TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		\$4,725.00

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1936

Lands and Buildings	\$115,070.00
Electric Plants including pole line	28,750.00
Horses (29)	3,525.00
Cows (134)	9,045.00
Neat Stock (43)	1,620.00
Wood and Lumber (Logs and Pulp)	550.00
Gasoline (Pumps and Tanks)	175.00
Stock in Trade	445.00
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	\$159,180.00

Polls, (89) @ \$2.00	\$178.00
Amount of taxes committed to Collector including	
Poll and Property	\$3,457.19
Tax Rate	\$2.06

APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1936

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 300.00
Town Officers' Expenses	150.00
Election and Registration	100.00
Town Hall	35.00
Police Department	10.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	3.00
State Aid Construction	252.00
Town Road Maintenance	700.00
March Meeting, Dinner	10.00
Snow Removal	700.00
Libraries	12.00
Town Poor	100.00
Memorial Day	11.00
Cemeteries	50.00
State Tax	432.00
County Tax	585.29
School Tax	1,150.00

**TOTAL TOWN and SCHOOL
APPROPRIATIONS**
\$4,605.29**Less Estimated Revenue and Credits**

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 10.00
Insurance Tax	35.00
Savings Bank Tax	50.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	100.00
Forest Reserve and Abatement of State Tax	800.00
Trust Funds	150.00
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$3,460.29
Less Poll Taxes	178.00

Property Taxes
\$3,282.29

BALANCE	
ASSETS	
Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$1,459.66
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State—	
Account bounties paid	\$85.80
Due from Reinbursement, Town Poor	5.00
Taxes bought by Town:	
(Not including property actually deeded to Town) Tax Sales	\$167.03
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1936	\$1,455.42
Levy of 1935	37.32
Levy of 1934	7.04
Levy of 1933	14.09
Previous years (1932)	26.70
Total Assets	\$3,258.06
Grand Total	\$3,258.06
Surplus, January 31, 1936	\$1,562.76
Surplus, January 31, 1937	1,810.00
Increase of Surplus	\$247.24

The Selectmen wish the voters to know the error in last year's report was corrected.

SHEETJanuary 31, 1937

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:

Note at Woodsville Bank	\$500.00
Due to Trustees, Benton Trust Funds	
Due to School District:	
Dog Licenses (1936)	\$ 79.00
Balance Appropriation (1936)	676.21
Forest Reserve (1936) <i>Miss Print</i>	676.21 163.00
Trust Funds (1936)	29.85
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Total Due School District	\$948.06
Total Liabilities	\$1,448.06
Excess of assets over liabilities	1,810.00
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Grand Total	\$3,258.06

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Town Clerk's Building	200.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Highway Equipment including Road	
Machines and Snow Plow	400.00
School House, Land, Buildings, Equipment	1,800.00
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	\$4,650.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Year Ending January 31, 1936

Cash on hand February 1, 1936	\$ 822.65
From	
Floyd Hutchins, Collector 1933 taxes	\$ 23.79
Floyd Hutchins, 1933 Interest	6.73
Floyd Hutchins, 1935 dog tax	2.00
Floyd Hutchins, 1936 dog tax	65.50
Floyd Hutchins, 1936 motor tax	181.45
Floyd Hutchins, 1937 motor tax	58.98
Floyd Hutchins, 1933 tax and interest on Pike estate	137.13
Refund from Town Meeting dinner	2.78
Lester Noxon, 1934 tax and interest on Pike estate	96.52
Lester Noxon, 1935 tax and interest on Pike estate	85.02
Lester Noxon, 1934 taxes	24.64
Lester Noxon, Interest @ 10%—1934	2.16
Lester Noxon, Interest @ 12%—1934	2.98
Lester Noxon, 1934 Sales and Cost	8.20
Lester Noxon, 1935 Polls	26.00
Lester Noxon, 1935 Taxes	963.20
Lester Noxon, 1935 Interest	38.26
Lester Noxon, 1935 Sale and Cost	12.40
Lester Noxon, 1936 Polls	102.00
Lester Noxon, 1936 Taxes	1899.77
Lester Noxon, 1936 Interest	1.31
Selectmen, Bounty from State	90.40
Selectmen, Town Poor	114.45
N. H. State Reimbursement	42.55
Town Road Flood from State	80.12
Railroad Tax	22.81

Savings Bank Tax	22.92
Interest and Dividends	12.09
Forest Reserve	326.51
Abatement of State Tax	541.85
From	
Selectmen. Note on Woodsville Bank	500.00
Trust Funds	121.49
Back tax on Pike estate	181.33
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	\$6,619.99
Total Payments to Selectmen's Orders	5,160.33
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Grand Total	\$1,459.66
John Cox Note	121.40
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Cash	\$1,338.26

CATHERINE C. EASTMAN, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS AND

Current Revenue:**From Local Taxes:**

Property Taxes committed to Coll'ct'r 1936 \$3,279.19

Less uncollected 1936 1,379.42

\$1,899.77

Poll Taxes for 1936 actually collected 102.00

Total of current year's collections \$2,001.77

Property and Poll Taxes previous
years actually collected \$1,109.67

Tax Sales redeemed 500.00

From State:

N. H. State Reimbursement \$ 42.55

Town Road, Flood 80.12

Railroad 22.81

Savings Bank Tax 22.92

Interest and Dividends 12.09

Forest Reserve 326.51

Abatement State Tax 541.85

Bounties, from State 90.40

Total Current Revenue Receipts

(Carried forward to page 16)

\$4,750.69

PAYMENTS **Year Ending January 31, 1937**

Current Maintenance Expenses:**General Government:****Detail**

1 Town Officers' Salaries	\$244.50
2 Town Officers' Expenses	237.82
3 Election and Registration	112.00
4 Town Hall	35.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

5 Police Department	
including care of Tramps	\$ 9.50
6 Bounties	85.80

Health Department:

7 Health Department	\$5.00
8 Vital Statistics	2.75

Highways and Bridges:

9 Snow Removal	\$440.55
10 Town Maintenance	660.05

Libraries:

11 Library	\$12.00
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Charities:

12 Town Poor	\$154.10
13 County Poor	60.00

Patriotic Purposes:

14 Memorial Day exercises	\$16.91
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Public Service Enterprises:

15 Cemeteries	\$75.89
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Unclassified:

16 Taxes bought by Town	\$167.03
17 Discounts and Abatements	

Total Current Expenses

(Carried forward to page 17)

\$2,318.90

RECEIPTS AND

Total Receipts (brought forward from page 14)	\$4,750.69
From County:	
County Poor	\$114.45
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	\$ 67.50
Income from Trust Funds	121.49
Motor Vehicle Permits (1936)	181.45
Motor Vehicle Permits (1937)	58.98
Refund from Town Meeting dinner	2.78
From Note on Woodsville Bank	500.00
Total Receipts from all sources	<hr/> \$5,797.34
Cash on hand February 1, 1936	822.65
Grand Total	<hr/> \$6,619.99

PAYMENTS	Year Ending January 31, 1937
Total Payments (brought forward from page 15)	\$2,318.90
18 Payments on Note	\$6.25
Outlay For New Construction and Permanent Improvements: Highways and Bridges—	
19 State Aid Construction	\$267.89
Total Outlay Payments	\$267.89
Payments to Governmental Divisions:	
20 Taxes paid to County	\$ 585.29
21 State Tax	432.00
22 School District	1550.00
Total Payments to Governmental Divisions	\$5,160.33
Cash on hand January 31, 1937	1,459.66
Grand Total	\$6,619.99

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government:**Detail No. 1, Town Officers' Salaries**

Charles H. Tyler, Selectman	\$38.00
Stephen H. Dexter, Selectman	32.00
Ira E. Elliott, Selectman	17.20
Floyd J. Hutchins, Town Clerk	35.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, Dog Fees	6.60
Floyd J. Hutchins, Auto Fees	15.50
Lester Noxon, Collector	50.00
Lester Noxon, 2 days, Tax meetings	6.40
Margaret Elliott, Treasurer (R)	21.00
Catherine Eastman, Treasurer (A)	18.00
Ethel Boutin, Auditor	4.80

Total	\$244.50
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Detail No. 2, Town Officers' Expenses

Town Meeting Dinner	\$ 11.74
Woodsville Publishing Co., Town Reports	52.80
F. P. Dearth, Officers' bonds	10.00
A. W. Rowell, Assessors dues	2.00
W. J. Randolph, Transfer deeds	2.36
Edson Eastman, Town supplies	14.77
The Howe Press, Tax Bills	1.45
Alfred Mardin, carrying Selectmen taking inventory	12.00
Lester Noxon, use of care to Tax meetings	7.60
Lester Noxon, Stamps, Stationery, etc.	14.79
Charles H. Tyler, Stamps, Stationery, Phone and two dinners	6.24
S. H. Dexter, use of car to Lebanon and Woodsville	10.50
S. H. Dexter, Stationery to draw up Town Report	.20
S. H. Dexter, two dinners	1.00

Ira E. Elliott, car and self to Lebanon on flood business	10.40
Ira Elliott, two dinners	1.30
Floyd Hutchins, Auto Reference Book	2.00
Floyd Hutchins, 2 trips to Lisbon trustee business, 2 dinners included	6.50
Lisbon Savings Bank, rental of Trustee box	4.95
Margaret Elliott, Postage and Stationery	3.22
Catherine Eastman, Postage and Stationery	2.00
Charles E. Dixon, for collecting Mrs. Pike's back taxes, drawing stipulations, by advice of State Tax Commission	60.00

Total \$237.82

Detail No. 3, Election and Registration

Charles C. Tyler, (R) Supervisor	\$16.00
Alfred V. Mardin, Supervisor (R)	16.00
John Elliott, Supervisor	22.40
Roland McKean, Supervisor (A)	6.40
Edgar Morse, Supervisor (A)	6.40
Ira Elliott, Moderator	6.40
Napoleon Burke, Ballot Clerk	9.60
Carl Eastman, Ballot Clerk	9.60
Lester Noxon, Ballot Clerk	9.60
Clair Wheeler, Ballot Clerk	9.60

Total \$112.00

Detail No. 4, Town Hall

Margaret Elliott, cleaning hall	\$ 5.00
F. P. Dearth, Insurance	25.00
Roland McKean, oil for hall, 1 gallon	.15
S. H. Dexter, two Mantles @ 35c	.70
S. H. Dexter, oil for hall, 1 gal.	.15
Edgar Morse, 1½ cord wood, Town Clerk's office	4.00

Total \$35.00

Detail No. 5, Protection Persons and Property

Roland McKean, Constable	\$5.00
Grace Tyler, feeding, lodging 1 tramp Aug. 14th	1.50
Grace Tyler, feeding, lodging 2 tramps Nov. 13th	3.00

Total	\$9.50
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Detail No. 6, Bounties

Bounties paid out	\$85.80
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Detail No. 7, Health Department

Carl Eastman, Health Officer	\$5.00
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Detail No. 8, Vital Statistics

Dr. S. A. Blodgett, 6 births	\$1.50
Dr. Robert Deming, 2 deaths	.50
Dr. H. E. Siske, 2 deaths	.50
Floyd Hutchins (Justice), 1 marriage	.25

Total	\$2.75
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Detail No. 9, Snow Removal and Sanding

Napoleon Boutin, Agent

	Hours	Amount
N. Boutin, plowing	64	\$128.00
N. Boutin, sanding, truck and self	79	94.80
N. Boutin, labor	28	11.20
Joe Boutin	27½	11.00
R. Tewksbury	18	7.20
F. Hutchins	40	16.00
H. Tyler	6½	2.60
L. Noxon	2	.80
C. Wheeler	6	2.40
Lee McKean	6	2.40
C. C. Tyler	5	2.00
Kenneth DeRusha	16	6.40
A. Boutin	20½	8.20
R. McKean	6½	2.60
W. Smith	2	.80

John Elliott	131½	5.40
Will Carr, 52 yds. sand		7.80
Howard Libby, chain hooks		1.05
Woodsville Grain Co., 1 bag salt		1.00
Total		<u>\$311.65</u>

Snow Removal**E. T. Page, Agent**

	Hours	Amount
E. T. Page, team	13	\$ 7.80
E. T. Page	23	9.20
A. Fillian	137	54.80
A. Fillian, team	13	10.40
Joe Prue	63	25.20
Joe Prue, team	25	20.00
E. T. Page, sand, 10 loads		1.00
A. Fillian, sand, 5 loads		.50
Total		<u>\$128.90</u>

SUMMARY

N. Boutin, Snow Removal and Sanding	\$311.65
E. T. Page, Snow Removal	128.90
Total	<u>\$440.55</u>

Detail No. 10, Town Road Maintenance**E. T. Page, Agent**

Tiling for Joe Prue Bridge	
4 lengths \$9.00 each	\$36.00
W. H. Millette, for hauling tile	
on way back from Concord	5.00
E. T. Page, 87½ hours	35.00
E. T. Page, self and team, 32 hours	25.60
E. T. Page, team	1.00
Gravel, 27 yards	2.70
Cement for bridge	3.75
Total	<u>\$109.05</u>

Town Road Maintenance
Napoleon Boutin, Agent

Rate, .40 per hour

	Hours	Amount
N. Boutin, labor	79	\$ 31.60
N. Boutin, self and truck	161	193.20
Floyd Hutchins	98½	39.40
Arthur Boutin	64	25.60
John Elliott	83½	33.40
N. Burke	89½	35.80
Ira Elliott, self and truck	47½	57.00
Ira Elliott	30½	12.20
William Smith	20	8.00
Joe Wheeler	7	2.80
Lester Noxon	78	31.20
Carl Eastman	43½	17.40
Joseph Boutin, Sr.	8	3.20
Lester Gilchrist	27	10.80
Ben Elliott	37	14.80
Joseph Boutin, Sr., bridge material		9.40
Clough Bros., gravel, 46 yards		4.60
Tilden Day, gravel, 90 yards		9.00
Morris Perry, road machine blade		9.10
Ira Elliott, planks		2.50
Total		\$551.00

SUMMARY

Napoleon Boutin, Agent	\$551.00
Ernest T. Page, Agent	109.05
Total	\$660.05

Detail No. 11, Libraries

Catherine Eastman, Librarian	\$12.00
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Detail No. 12, Town Poor

Town Poor	\$154.10
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Detail No. 13, County Poor

County Poor	\$60.00
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Detail No. 14, Patriotic Purposes

E. B. Mann Co., Flags	\$ 1.00
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W. J. Yeaton, supplies for dinner and Rev. McIntire's service	15.91
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Total	\$16.91
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Detail No. 15, Memorial Public Service Enterprises

John Elliott, Sexton	\$70.59
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John Coates, Sexton	5.30
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Total	\$75.89
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Detail No. 16, Unclassified

Taxes bought by Town	\$167.03
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Detail No. 17, Abatements	None
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Detail No. 18, Payments on Note

Interest	\$6.25
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Detail No. 19, Outlay for New Construction

State Aid Construction	\$267.89
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Payments to Governmental Divisions**Detail No. 20, County Tax**

County Taxes	\$585.29
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Detail No. 21, State Tax

State Tax	432.00
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Detail No. 22, School District

Treasurer Benton School District, Schools	\$1550.00
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Total	\$2,567.29
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TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period Ending January 31st, 1937

Received of the Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on
\$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemeteries \$13.71
Bal., Jan. 31, 1936 23.50

\$37.21

For cemeteries \$18.90

Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 18.31

\$37.21

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemeteries, Bal-
ance Schools and Highways \$13.74

For cemeteries \$8.54

For schools 2.60

For highways 2.60

\$13.74

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,000.00 U. S. Treasury Loan, care of lots, Bal-
ance to Schools and Highways \$27.35

For cemeteries \$ 4.89

For schools 11.23

For highways 11.23

\$27.35

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans

For Schools \$50.01

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund interest
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans

For highways \$50.00

Received from L. H. Parker Fund income from
Cemetery Field to be used for care of lots

Rent of field \$10.06

Received from Ella Mann Fund, interest on
\$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Interest 1935 \$1.37

Interest 1936 1.29

\$2.66

Care of lot \$1.60

Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 1.06

\$2.66

Received from George H. Clark Fund, interest on
\$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Interest, 1935 \$4.48

Interest, 1936 \$4.18

\$8.66

Bal., Jan. 31, 1935 12.49

\$21.15

Care of lot \$ 4.60

Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 16.55

\$21.15

Received from William T. Torsey Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Interest, 1935 \$ 1.13

Interest, 1936 1.06

\$2.19

Care of lot \$1.20

Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 .99

\$2.19

Received from J. C. Speed Fund, interest on
\$134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Interest, 1935	\$ 3.13
Interest, 1936	2.92
Bal., Jan. 31, 1935	10.29

\$16.34

Care of lot	\$ 3.20
Bal., Jan. 31, 1937	13.14

\$16.34

Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund, interest on
\$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Interest, 1935	\$1.13
Interest, 1936	1.06

\$2.19

Care of lot	\$1.20
Bal., Jan. 31, 1937	.99

\$2.19

Received from Jonathan Davis Fund, interest on
\$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Interest, 1935	\$ 1.13
Interest, 1936	1.06

\$2.19

Care of lot	\$1.20
Bal., Jan. 31, 1937	.99

\$2.19

Received from Sam Whitcher and Wm. Kendall		
Fund interest on \$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	Interest, 1935	\$4.48
Care of lot \$ 4.80	Interest, 1936	4.18
Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 25.55	Bal., Jan. 31, 1937	21.69

\$30.35

\$30.35

Received from Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.		
	Interest, 1935	\$1.24
	Interest, 1936	1.28

\$2.52

Care of lot \$1.60

Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 .92

\$2.52

Received from Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Refund check \$.90

Total amount received from Trust Funds for the year 1936	\$200.89
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Received from Town of Benton, balance January 31, 1936	67.97
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Total	\$268.86
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Total amount paid to cemeteries, schools and highways	\$189.46
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Balance deposited on check account, Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$79.40
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Total	\$268.86
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JOHN G. ELLIOTT,
FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,
NAPOLEON BURKE,
Trustees of Trust Funds, Benton

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN.

February 4, 1937.

REPORT OF BENTON TOWN LIBRARY

For The Year 1936

Books in Library January 31, 1936	420
Books added by gift	50

Total Books January 31, 1937	470
Books in circulation	130

CATHERINE EASTMAN,
Librarian

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Cash on hand January 31, 1936	\$60.22
Interest to October 10, 1936	6.33

	\$66.55
Postage on traveling libraries	\$3.50

Cash on hand January 31, 1937	\$63.05
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LAURA M. NOXON,
CATHERINE C. EASTMAN,
MILDRED A. ELLIOTT,
Library Trustees.

BENTON SCHOOL REPORT

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Ira E. Elliott, chairman	Term expires 1937
Mrs. Catherine Eastman	Term expires 1938
Mrs. Alexzina Boutin	Term expires 1939

Other District Officers

Mrs. Laura Noxon	Treasurer
Floyd Hutchins	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Ira A. Elliott	Moderator
F. Lester Trafton	Superintendent of Schools

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. LESTER TRAFTON, Sup't.

IRA E. ELLIOTT,
MRS. CATHERINE EASTMAN,
MRS. ALEXZINA BOUTIN,

February 1, 1937

School Board

 RECEIPTS 1935-1936

State and Federal Aid:

Equalization fund for elementary school (from state)	\$ 448.22
National forest reserve (school's half from Selectmen) 1934	145.98

Total	\$594.20
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Income from Local Taxation:

(raised by Selectmen)

For the support of Elementary Schools	\$1,010.95
Appropriation 1934-35	24.19

Total	\$1,035.14
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From Sources Other Than Taxation:

Dog licenses (from Selectmen) 1934	\$ 71.00
Elementary school tuitions	108.00
Income from local trust funds 1934	97.88
Other receipts	6.23

Total	\$283.11
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Total Receipts 'from all sources	\$1,912.45
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Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1935	16.40
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GRAND TOTAL	\$1,928.85
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PAYMENTS 1935-36

Administration

Salaries of district officers	\$ 37.00
Superintendent's excess salary	35.56
Truant officers and census	5.00
Expenses of administration	8.00

Instruction

Teacher's salary	800.28
Textbooks	50.30
Scholars' supplies	38.98
Flags and appurtenances	
Other expenses of instruction	6.54

Operation and Maintenance

Janitor service	36.00
Fuel	30.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	3.95
Minor repairs and expenses	27.41

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities

Medical inspection and health supervision	56.79
Transportation of pupils	360.00
High school and academy tuition	146.88
Elementary school tuition	108.00
Other special activities	6.10

Fixed Charges

Tax for state wide supervision	96.00
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Outlay for Construction and Equipment

New equipment	6.14
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Debt, Interest and Other Charges

Payments of notes or bills from previous year	56.01
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Total Payment for all purposes	\$1,914.94
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Total cash on hand at end of year, June 30, 1935	13.91
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Grand Total	<hr/> \$1,928.85
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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

June 30, 1936

Cash on hand:

Balance June 30, 1936	\$ 13.91
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Accounts Due to District:

Balance 1935-36 appropriation	189.05
Dog tax 1935	72.00
Federal forest reserve	182.60
Interest from trust funds	86.56

Total Assets	\$544.12
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GRAND TOTAL	\$544.12
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LIABILITIES

June 30, 1936

None	\$000.00
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Total liabilities	\$000.00
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Excess of assets over liabilities	\$544.12
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GRAND TOTAL	\$544.12
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AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Benton, N. H., of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,

July 15, 1936

Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1936
School District of Benton

SUMMARY:

Cash on hand, June 30, 1935	\$ 16.40
Received from State Treasurer (State and Federal Aid)	448.22
Received from Selectmen:	
Appropriation for current year	1,010.95
Balance of previous appropriation	24.19
Dog licenses, 1934	71.00
National Forest Reserve, 1934	145.98
Income from trust funds, 1934	97.88
Received from elementary school tuitions	108.00
Received from all other sources	6.23
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	\$1,928.85

Total amount available for fiscal year
(Balance and receipts) \$1,928.85
Less school board orders paid 1,914.94

Balance on hand as of June 30, 1936
(Treasurer's bank balance) \$13.91

LAURA M. NOXON,

June 30, 1936

District Treasurer

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1937-38

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1937.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures**Support of Schools:**

Teachers' salaries	\$900.00
Textbooks	35.00
Scholars' supplies	40.00
Flags and appurtenances	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	5.00
Janitor service	36.00
Fuel	35.00
Water, light, janitors' supplies	10.00
Minor repairs and expenses	25.00
Health supervisions and medical inspection	50.00
Transportation of pupils	360.00
Payment of elementary tuitions	180.00
Other special activities	5.00
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	\$1,686.00

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of district officers	
(Fixed by district)	\$ 30.00
Truant officer and school census	
(Fixed by district)	5.00
Payment of tuitions in high schools and academies (estimated by board)	450.00
Superintendent's excess salary	
(Fixed by Supervisory Union)	36.37

Per capita tax (Reported by State Treasurer)	68.00
Other obligations	20.00
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	\$609.00
Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget	\$2,295.37
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Estimated Income of District	
Balance, June 30, 1937 (Estimate)	\$100.00
State Aid (December 1937 allotment) (estimate)	400.00
Dog taxes (Estimate)	50.00
Income from Trust Funds (Estimate)	85.00
Elementary School Tuition receipts (Estimate)	72.00
Federal Forest Reserve	75.00
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Deduct total estimate income (not raised by taxation)	\$782.00
Assessment required to balance	\$1,513.37

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA E. ELLIOTT,

CATHERINE EASTMAN,

ALEXZINA BOUTIN,

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith present my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment for 1935-36 was 32, the average membership 31.17, the percent of attendance 93.47, and the number of cases of tardiness 21. The percent of attendance was much better than that of the previous year. There were three non-resident or tuition pupils. The District paid tuition for two high school pupils at Woodsville High School and two elementary pupils at Glencliff.

This year your enrollment is 25. There are two non-resident pupils. There are three pupils attending high school and six pupils attending the elementary school at Glencliff.

The School Board has purchased a much needed water container for the school, which keeps the water both clean and cool. New language books have been bought for grades, four to eight, and new geographies for grades seven and eight. New readers have been purchased for the lower grades. Your school is now very well equipped with modern textbooks.

The floor of the school building is very unsatisfactory. It is made of soft wood and contains so many splinters and cracks that it is very difficult to keep it clean. It should be replaced with a hardwood floor.

The school yard is small and rough. If it is possible for the Town to get any federal funds, the school grounds should be enlarged and improved.

Miss Reidy is doing an excellent piece of work as your teacher.

Respectfully submitted,
F. LESTER TRAFTON.

VITAL STATISTICS

**Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.,
For the year ending January 31, 1937.**

Larry Edward Elliott, born at Benton, N. H., July 27, 1936, first child, male, living, white; name of father, Benjamin L. Elliott, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Benton, N. H. Maiden name of mother, Helen G. Lombard, birthplace, Hardwick, Vt. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Richard Arthur Gilcris, born at Benton, N. H., July 24, 1936, second child, male, living, white; name of father, Lester E. Gilcris, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Hardwick, Vt. Maiden name of mother, Ruth Barrows, birthplace, Barre, Vt. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Anabelle May Smith, born at Benton, N. H., May 25th, 1936, 5th child, female, living, white; name of father, William C. Smith, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Sheldon, Vt. Maiden name of mother, Mildred B. Perkins, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Isabelle Fay Smith, born at Benton, N. H., May 25th, 1936, sixth child, female, living, white; name of father, William C. Smith, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Sheldon, Vt. Maiden name of mother, Mildred B. Perkins, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Kenneth Elliott DeRusha, born at Benton, N. H., May 2, 1936, first child, male, living, white; name of father, Kenneth R. DeRusha, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H. Maiden name of mother, Marjorie E. Elliott, birthplace, Lakeport, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Daniel Richard Aremburg, born at Benton, N. H., April 9th, 1936, tenth child, male, living, white; name of father, Leroy H. Aremburg, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Berlin, N. H. Maiden name of mother, Evelyn P. Wilson, birthplace, Shelburne, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.,
For the year ending January 31, 1937.**

David Grigas, died March 25th, 1936; age ? born in Russia, white, single; father's name, Joe Grigas, maiden name of mother, ? Cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Frank Willard, died August 16th, 1936; age 31 years, 2 mo., 2 days, born at Alton, N. H., white, widowed, father's name, Smith Willard, maiden name of mother, Sadie Lamper; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Veto Yanuskevitch, died September 7th, 1936; age 16 years, 6 mo., 26 days, born at Nashua, N. H., white, single, father's name, Joseph Yanuskevitch, maiden name of mother, Julia Parapkaras, cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Mary Chimiklis, died November 22nd, 1936; age 22 years, 3 mo., 7 days, born at Dover, N. H.; white, single, father's name, Peter Chimiklis, maiden name of mother, Florence Haritos, cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.,
For the year ending January 31, 1937.**

Elden J. Brooks and Angela Y. Moquin, married at Benton, N. H., January 3rd, 1937, by Floyd J. Hutchins, Justice of Peace; residence of groom, Benton, N. H., age 26, single, occupation, government scaler, born at Bathurst, N. B., father's name, Herbert O. Brooks, mother's maiden name, Lena Ward. Residence of bride, Haverhill, Mass.; age 22, single, occupation, boxmaker, father's name, Armand J. Moquin, mother's maiden name, Hermina Poulin.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, Town Clerk.

